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SUBJECT: DAKAR CONFERENCE ON COMMODITIES: POLITICAL RESOLUTIONS

REF: A) DAKAR 867; B) USUN 491

1. SUMMARY: GVN HAS INFORMATION AT LEAST SOME PARTICIPANTS  
OBJECTED TO THE POLITICAL RESOLUTIONS APPROVED BY DAKAR CONFERENCE,  
AND IS RAISING MATTER WITH A NUMBER OF COUNTRIES. WE ASSUME  
DEPARTMENT WILL BE PROTESTING RESOLUTIONS TO PARTICIPANTS, AND  
SUGGEST SOME POINTS THAT MIGHT BE USED CONCERNING THE  
RESOLUTION ON VIETNAM. END SUMMARY

2. GVN MFA HAS RECEIVED A REPORT FROM ITS GENEVA REP AMBASSADOR  
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LOI INDICATING INDONESIA, MALAYSIA AND PHILIPPINES SPECIFICALLY

DISSOCIATED THEMSELVES FROM THE RESOLUTIONS ON VIETNAM AND CAMBODIA IN WRITING AND ASKED THAT THEIR POSITION BE INCLUDED IN THE RECORD OF THE CONFERENCE. REPORT STATED FURTHER THAT BRAZIL AND ARGENTINA HAD EXPRESSED RESERVATIONS.

3. MFA IS PREPARING LETTERS TO ALL OPEC COUNTRIES EXCEPT ALGERIA AND IRAQ INFORMING THEM GVN WOULD NOT BE BOUND BY RESOLUTION SINCE IT WAS NOT INVITED TO CONFERENCE, AND SETTING FORTH GVN POSITION THAT "PRG" IS NOT A GOVERNMENT AND WAS NOT QUALIFIED TO ATTEND CONFERENCE. MFA WILL UNDOUBTEDLY ALSO WRITE LETTERS TO FOREIGN MINISTERS OF ALL PARTICIPANTS WITH WHOM GVN HAS DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS.

4. WE ASSUME DEPARTMENT WILL BE RAISING QUESTION OF RESOLUTIONS WITH CONFERENCE PARTICIPANTS, AND OFFER THE FOLLOWING SUGGESTED POINTS ON VIETNAM RESOLUTION.

5. THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM (GVN) IS THE LEGITIMATE GOVERNMENT OF SOUTH VIETNAM, WIDELY RECOGNIZED INTERNATIONALLY AND A MEMBER OF MANY UN SPECIALIZED AGENCIES. THERE IS NO REASON FOR THIS GOVERNMENT NOT TO ENGAGE IN THE ORDERLY DEVELOPMENT OF ITS RESOURCES, IN FACT IT WOULD BE REMISS IN ITS DUTY TO ITS PEOPLE IF IT DID NOT DO SO, AND TO TERM THESE EFFORTS "PLUNDER" IS PREPOSTEROUS.

6. THE "PRG" IS SIMPLY A FRONT CREATED BY THE NORTH TO COVER ITS AGGRESSIVE ACTIVITIES IN THE SOUTH AND CLOAK THEM IN THE GARB OF A "NATIONAL LIBERATION" MOVEMENT. THE "PRG" HAS NO CAPITAL, NO DEFINED TERRITORY, AND CAN CLAIM TO CONTROL A SMALL FRACTION OF THE POPULATION OF SVN THANKS ONLY TO THE PRESENCE OF A LARGE NUMBER OF NORTH VIETNAMESE TROOPS IN THE SOUTH.

7. THE ROOT CAUSE OF THE PRESENT ECONOMIC DIFFICULTIES IN SVN IS NOT THE CONTINUED AMERICAN MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO VIETNAM, WHICH IS ACTUALLY FAR LESS THAN THE ONE-FOR-ONE REPLACEMENT PERMITTED BY THE PARIS AGREEMENT. THE ACTUAL CAUSE IS THE CONTINUED AGGRESSION OF THE DRV AGAINST THE SOUTH WHICH FORCES THE SOUTH TO DEVOTE A LARGE PROPORTION OF ITS RESOURCES TO DEFENDING ITSELF. THE DRV WOULD OF COURSE LIKE TO HINDER ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN THE SOUTH BY ATTEMPTING TO FRIGHTEN INTERNATIONAL CORPORATIONS EXPLORING FOR OIL OFF THE SHORE OF SVN. IT IS UNFORTUNATE THAT THE COUNTRIES ATTENDING

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THE DAKAR CONFERENCE SAW FIT TO GIVE MORAL SUPPORT TO THE AGGRESSION OF THE NORTH AGAINST THE SOUTH AND TO OPPOSE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT EFFORTS UNDERTAKEN BY THE GVN TO HELP THE PEOPLE OF SVN.

8. IT IS THE COMMUNIST SIDE WHICH HAS BEEN VIOLATING AND OBSTRUCTING IMPLEMENTATION OF PARIS AGREEMENT AS EXEMPLIFIED BY RECENT NVA TAKEOVER OF ENTIRE PROVINCE OF PHUOC LONG FROM GVN, OBSTRUCTION OF WORK OF THE ICCS, REFUSAL TO DEPLOY TWO-PARTY CEASE-FIRE TEAMS

AROUND THE COUNTRY, UNILATERAL SUSPENSION OF THE POLITICAL TALKS IN  
PARIS SINCE LAST MAY, AND BOYCOTT SINCE LAST JUNE OF THE TWO-PARTY  
MILITARY DISCUSSIONS AND THE FOUR-PARTY MEETINGS ON THE MIAS.  
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